

## **Awards, Grants and Loans for Environmental Projects**

### **Resources for awards, grants and loans.**

Seeking an award, grant or loan for your environmental project? Organizations, contact information and descriptions are provided here as a starting point for your search.

### **Awards**

Governor's Pride in Arizona Awards are presented each November for improved waste handling, beautification, technology, education, community achievement, forestry projects, adopt a highway or shore, recycling, environmental leadership, and public-private partnerships.

Applicants must fill out a nomination form by September 1. Twenty Arizona Clean and Beautiful affiliates may also have awards in their cities and regions.

Arizona Clean and Beautiful

1645 E. Missouri, #230

Phoenix, AZ 85016

(602) 274-0494

<http://aspin.asu.edu/acb/>

Pollution Prevention Incentives for States are available to state agencies and tribes. May partner with others to build pollution prevention capabilities. \$200,000, with 50% matching required.

Corporate Environmental Excellence Awards and Environmental Manager of the Year Award are presented by the National Association for Environmental Management.

Contact Carol S. Singer at (202) 986-6616

or fax (202) 530-4408.

Environmental Excellence Awards are available in 17 categories, including technology, buildings and structures, site development, landscaping, art in public places, education, and communications. The call for applications is in the May/June timeframe. Applications are due in July, and awards are made in September.

Valley Forward

100 W. Clarendon Ave., Suite 1105

Phoenix, AZ 85012

(602) 240-2408

Clean Air Awards are presented by the Trip Reduction Program to facilities with the highest employee participation in alternative modes of transportation during challenge periods.

RTPA and Valley Metro

(602) 262-RIDE

### **Grants**

Underground Storage Tank Grant Program provides grants to financially needy owners of

underground storage tanks for upgrade or replacement to comply with performance standards, permanent closure, or as a deductible or 10% co-pay amount on corrective action.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

3033 N. Central Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85012

Contact Victoria Burns at (602) 207-4332.

The Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission awards this grant which is then administered by ADWR. Categories include: projects to develop, promote and implement water conservation; research and data collection, compilation and analysis; development and implementation of capital projects. In 1997, 19 of 35 applicants received were funded for a total of \$2.5 million.

Arizona Department of Water Resources

500 N. Third Street

Phoenix, AZ 85004

Contact Irmalisa Gutierrez at

(602) 417-2400 ext. 7016.

Environmental Education grant, awarded by the Arizona Council on Environmental Education, is administered by the State Land Department. Categories include: fast track grant, for up to \$1000 for small projects like field trips, developing environmental sites near schools, and curriculum development; regular grant, for up to \$10,000 for larger projects like those above; and an environmental class research project, which entails development of a paper and a \$10,000 grant awarded for followup field work.

Arizona State Land Department

1616 W. Adams

Phoenix, AZ 85008

Contact Kate Cutler at (602) 542-2854.

NICE3 (National Industrial Competitiveness through Energy Environment Economics) grants fund new processes or equipment that increase energy efficiency, reduce pollution, and improve economics. Grants pay 50% of project costs and average \$250,000. Proposals must cover SIC codes 1 - 39, with priority given to pulp and paper, chemicals, petroleum and coal products, and primary metals. Facilities submit joint proposals with a state energy or pollution prevention office. Two page summaries are usually due to state offices in the Oct/Dec timeframe.

Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office

3800 N. Central Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85012

(602) 280-1402, or

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Compliance Assistance

3033 N. Central Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85012

(602) 207-4337

US Small Business Administration Grants are provided through five federal agencies for up to \$100,000 for phase one and \$500,000 for phase two. Small businesses must work with a university, nonprofit institution or a federal research center.

Contact the Small Business Technology

Transfer Office at (202) 205-6450.

Small Business Innovation Research Program offers ten federal agencies award grants or contracts under the program. Phase one allows up to \$100,000 for a feasibility study. Phase two allows up to \$750,000 on projects that pass phase one and may include prototype development. Applicants must be independently owned small businesses that employ fewer than 500 people.

Office of Innovation, Research and Technology

US Small Business Administration

409 Third St. SW, 8th floor

Washington, D.C. 20416

(202) 205-6450

<http://www.sba.gov/SBIR>

The Waste Reduction Assistance (WRA) grant provides funding assistance to projects that will divert significant amounts of solid waste materials from the landfills through reducing, reusing, and recycling methods. The Waste Reduction Initiative Through Education (WRITE) grant provides funding assistance to projects that promote the education of Arizona citizens concerning issues related to the proper disposal of solid waste, source reduction, recycling, buying recycled content products and composting. Both grants are typically available to public, private and non-profit organizations. Grant submittal information on the WRA grant is released in July, and the WRITE grant in January.

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Recycling Program and Data Management Unit

3033 N. Central Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85012

(602) 207-4133

Environmental Justice Community and University Partnership to community groups which partner with a university to address environmental justice issues. \$250,000 per grant, no match required.

EPA Region 9

75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

[www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html)

Contact Mustafa Ali at (202) 564-2606.

Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention offers grants to nonprofit community organizations, state and local governments, academic institutions and tribal organizations who conduct education, demonstration, partnership, nonregulatory and technology projects for environmental problems in minority or low income communities. \$100,000 per grant with 10% match. Applications are due in March.

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75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
[www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html)  
Contact Eileen Sheehan at (415) 744-2190.

US/Mexico Border Grants available to agencies, tribes, universities, and cities who work toward sustainable binational development. Funding is in two year cycles.  
Contact Pam Teel, EPA, at (202) 564-6424.

Sustainable Development Challenge grants are provided to governments, schools and nonprofits to protect and conserve natural resources and the economy. \$\$\$ amount undetermined, 20% match.  
Contact Debbie Schechter, EPA, at (415) 744-1624.

Environmental Education grants are available for government, nonprofits and schools who conduct new or improved educational projects. Most are \$5,000, with \$25,000 maximum, 25% match.  
Contact Stacey Benfer, EPA, at (415) 744-1161.

Climate Change Action Plan offers grants to states, tribes, incorporated non-profits, and universities to work on greenhouse gas reduction. \$50,000 to \$250,000, no match required.  
Contact Jessica Gaylord, EPA, at (415) 744-2122.

Solid Waste Management Assistance. These grants are for government, tribe, and nonprofit organization demonstration and education projects. \$50,000, no match required.  
Contact Morira DeRosa, EPA, at (415) 744-2109.

Pesticide Environmental Stewardship is open to all for low-risk pest control techniques in agricultural other applications. \$30,000 to \$40,000, 5% matching share required.  
Contact Allan Demorest, EPA, at (415) 744-1096.

State Wetlands Protection funds are available to local, state and tribal efforts to protect wetlands. Variable \$\$\$ amounts, 25% match required.  
Contact Mary Butterwick, EPA, at (415) 744-1985.

Water Quality Assessment & Planning offers state and regional public agencies money to protect and enhance aquatic systems and watersheds. \$10,000 to \$150,000, variable match.  
Contact Cheryl McGovern, EPA, at (415) 744-2013.

Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Control. States pass through funds to tribes, districts, schools, agencies and nonprofits to implement nonpoint source controls. \$20,000 to \$300,000, 40% match.  
Contact Sam Ziegler, EPA, at (415) 744-1990.

Community Challenge Grant Program. This grant is awarded to towns, civic organizations, volunteer groups, and non-profit groups for urban and community forestry projects. The grants range from \$500 to \$10,000. Applications are available in June and due by August.

Arizona State Land Department

1616 W. Adams

Phoenix, AZ 85008

Contact Ron Romatzke at

(602) 542-2518.

## **Loans**

The US Small Business Association gives federally-backed loans to support pollution prevention improvements. The Association also offers specialty and advocacy programs.

Small Business Assistance Offices

2828 N. Central Ave., Suite 800

Phoenix, AZ 85004

(602) 640-2329

Clean Water Revolving Fund is awarded to public jurisdictions to plan, engineer, and construct wastewater treatment, water reclamation and related water quality projects. No \$\$\$ limit, but must qualify on Project Priority List. Drinking Water Revolving Fund is awarded to publicly held and investor-owned drinking water utilities to plan, engineer, and construct drinking water facilities. No \$\$\$ limit, but must qualify on Project Priority List.

Water Infrastructure Finance

Authority of Arizona

Contact Suzanne Price at (602) 207-4728.

Revolving Energy Loans for Arizona (RELA) The Commerce Department offers loans for long-term fixed-asset plant expansion for manufacturers of energy conserving products, energy conserving building retrofits, and short term contract financing for production of energy-conserving products.

Arizona Department of Commerce

Commerce and Economic Development Commission

3800 N. Central Ave., Suite 1500

Phoenix, AZ 85012

(602) 280-1341